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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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WHEN IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH SECYGEN OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY ABDELMALEK BENHABYLES ON JULY 26, I GAVE HIM
DATA IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL ABOUT PAYMENTS ALLEGEDLY
MADE BY CHEMICO, HE WAS VERY INTERESTED BUT EXPRESSED
GREAT PUZZLEMENT AS TO HOW SUCH PAYMENTS COULD HAVE
INFLUENCED CONTRACT AWARD. DECISION ON SUCH MATTERS
NOT IN HANDS OF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL BUT WAS DONE THROUGH
RIGOROUS EXAMINATION INVOLVING STUDIES BY NUMBER OF
PEOPLE. I SAID WE HERE DID NOT KNOW, AND IN FACT DID
NOT KNOW IF ANY MONEY ACTUALLY PAID TO ANY ALGERIANS.
CHEMICO MAY WELL HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR A RIDE BY
DISHONEST "CONSULTANTS". IF PAYMENTS WERE IN FACT
MADE TO FRENKEL AND OTHERS, HOWEVER, I THOUGHT HE COULD
SAFELY ASSUME SOMEONE HAD REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS
SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OR ABLE TO INFLUENCE
RESPONSIBLE ALGERIAN OFFICIALS. I HAD NO
INFORMATION AS TO WHO THE INDIVIDUAL ALGERIANS
WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN, BUT THE SIZE OF THESE
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PAYMENTS ILLUSTRATED THE MAGNITUDE OF THE

PROBLEM. PARKER

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